

Welcome to Virtual Open House



Welcome!



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Send Us Questions

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- All questions will be responded to publicly unless you type “private” in front of your question in which case we will send you an individual response. No names are shown on the screen.
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 - <http://ssw.umich.edu/events/list/2015/03/27/46518-virtual-open-house>
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Today's Agenda

- **Welcome!**

Tim Colenback, Assistant Dean for Student Services

- **MSW Curriculum**

Michael Spencer, Associate Dean for Educational Programs and Professor

- **Admissions Update & Registration Timeline**

Tim Colenback, Assistant Dean for Student Services

- **Helpful Field Instruction Information**

Susan Wiant Crabb, Field Faculty

- **Current Student Experience**

Ashley Schwedt, Current MSW Student

- **Career Service Resources for New Students**

Michelle Woods, Director of Career Services

- **Wrap Up and Q&A**

Curriculum Overview



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MSW Concentration Options

- Practice Methods:

- Community Organization
- Interpersonal Practice
- Management of Human Services
- Social Policy and Evaluation

- Practice Areas:

- Aging in Families and Society
- Children and Youth in Families and Society
- Community and Social Systems
- Health
- Mental Health

Practice Method Minor

- 6 credits of elective needed for minor
- 171 hours of field instruction devoted to minor
- Allows you to gain experience in another area of social work
- May narrow field placement options

Curriculum Schedules

- Advanced Standing
 - 16-month
 - 20-month
- Extended Degree
- Extra Term Option
- Peace Corps MI



Specialization Programs

- Child Welfare Scholarship
- Community-Based Initiative
- Detroit Clinical Scholars Program
- Geriatric Scholarship
- Global Activities Scholars Program
- Integrated Health Scholars Program
- Jewish Communal Leadership Program
- National Community Scholars Program
- Peace Corps Master's International

Specialization and Certificate Options

- Certificate in Child Welfare
- Certificate in Global Social Work
- Specialist in Aging Certificate
- Social Work in Public Schools

Dual Degree Programs

- Social Work and Business Administration
- Social Work and Law
- Social Work in Public Health
- Social Work and Public Policy
- Social Work and Urban and Regional Planning
- Social Work and Information
- Self-Initiated Dual Degree

To speak with an admissions counselor about the best program plan for your career goals, call 734-936-0961.

Send an email to ssw.msw.info@umich.edu to change the following:

- Practice Method
- Practice Area
- Add/Delete Practice Method Minor
- Curriculum Schedule (16 month, 20 month, advanced standing)

Integrative Learning: Questions

- What, how, and where am I learning?
- What values, interests and strengths underlie my learning?
- How can I apply my knowledge to the real world?
- How will I apply my skills and strengths?
How do I develop as a social change agent?

Portfolios are...

A collection of artifacts that showcase a person's knowledge, skills, and capacities to a public audience

What did I learn?

How did I learn this,
and why is it important?

Integrative Portfolios...

Articulate the meaningful connections across the different experiences demonstrated in this collection.

New Student Timeline

- **Early April** – Field Instruction Letter is e-mailed to matriculated students
- April 14th & April 22nd – Field Webinars
- **May 15th** - Field Application Due
(for students beginning field in fall term)
- **Late April** – Registration and course planning information is sent via e-mail

New Student Timeline Cont.

- July – Receive email with course exemptions
- July – Join online course advising session
- July/August – Optional individual course planning
- July/August – Register for classes
- July/August – Attend Summer New Student Session
- Sept. 2 – Sept. 4: Attend New Student Orientation
- Sept. 8 – Sept. 11: All School Conference

Helpful Field Instruction Information



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SOCIAL WORK AT U-M

- Social work is a profession for those with a strong desire to work towards maximizing human potential and well being
- Your method (IP, CO, MHS OR SP&E) and practice area (Aging, Children & Youth, Health, Mental Health, or Communities and Social Systems) selections determine which field placement will be available to you
- For those in Interpersonal Practice: Remember: “Clinical” work is defined in many ways is not just 1:1 work in an office “doing therapy”!
- You will work with many of the following groups during your time in the program:
 - Individuals
 - Groups
 - Families
 - Communities
 - Social Systems



An Introduction to the Skill of Self-reflection:

Field instruction requires that you integrate what you are learning with what you are doing. Here is our learning rubric:



FIELD INSTRUCTION: NUTS & BOLTS

- Field instruction courses are a part of the requirements for the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree, required by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- You will log a total of 912 clock hours in field (684 hours if Advanced Standing status) which is 25% of your total social work curriculum = 15 out of 60 credits
- You will have an opportunity to find your niche by focusing on developing: **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, & ABILITIES**
- You will work 1:1 with an on-site field instructor who will provide supervision, feedback, mentoring and evaluation
- You will learn to:
PREPARE → EXPERIENCE → REFLECT → PREPARE AGAIN

HOW OPEN ARE YOU TO BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL?

- Reflect on HOW...
 - Are you going to incorporate your values and ethics with those of the SW profession? (Remember, the NASW Code of Ethics is your guide)
 - Will you engage in supervision?
 - Open are you to critical and constructive feedback?
- Where do you come from? How do your experiences and goals match up with field training opportunities? Where are your career aspirations?
- What will be your legacy upon graduation?



COMPETENCY BASED FIELD CURRICULUM

- You will participate in a competency-based *COMPETITIVE* Interview
 - what do you know how to do now?
 - what do you need to learn?
 - what do you need to un-learn?
 - what do you know about yourself?
- GOAL: integrate your academic learning with your field experience
- The Educational Agreement: creating a developmentally focused learning contract with behaviorally specific assignments that focus on skill development
- Evaluation and Feedback: supervision, field grades, field seminar, portfolios = BECOMING A PROFICIENT SOCIAL WORKER!



THE START OF YOUR PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY



- Development of your *'Professional Identity'* starts with your Goal Statement:
 - The purpose is to determine if what you want to learn is a “match” with what the agency has to offer
 - Is used much like a cover letter for employment and allows potential field instructors to view a “snapshot” of your self-assessed knowledge, skills, and abilities
 - Write in a narrative format---it functions as a writing sample
 - Do not include personal/private information. This is a public document and is shared electronically with your field instructor as well as many of your potential colleagues

HOW DO YOU SPELL SUCCESS?



- Attend the on-line OFI/Career Center Webinars (4/14/15@3:30 and 4/22/15@5:00)
- Do your homework about placement options (see OFI web site), meet deadlines and ***be open to learning something new***. Some special programs/scholarships including national and global placements require that you complete your local/domestic placement Fall and Winter term so you are free to travel in the Spring-Summer term.
- Do not focus on where you will learn or with whom you will learn—focus on ***what you will learn!***
- This is a large program (700 students) and we have to strike a balance between meeting your interests and the agency's needs. The agency ultimately decides if you are a good “fit”
- Dress professionally and remember, transportation to and from your field placement is your responsibility—be prepared to drive!

NEXT STEPS FOR FIELD

- Early April – Field Instruction Letter is e-mailed to matriculated students
- Field Webinars
 - April 14th (3:30pm-5pm)
 - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8277008450589188353>
 - April 22nd (5pm-6:30pm)
 - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3728307955759053826>
- May 15th - Field Application Due (for students beginning field in fall term)

Please Feel Free to Contact the Office of Field Instruction

CALL: 734.764.5331

We have a Daily Resource Person(DRP)
available to assist you

E-MAIL: ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu

WEB PAGE:

<http://www.ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/ofi>

GO BLUE !!

The Current Student Experience



Ashley Schwedt

Community Organization/Community & Social Systems

Minor: Management of Human Services

16-month

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Career Services



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Welcome

How can I make use of the Career Center now?

We can help review your resume and goal statement in preparation for field placement.

How do I get my resume and goal statement reviewed by Career Center staff?

Just email your documents as attachments to:
ssw-cso@umich.edu by Monday, May 5, 2015

*Please no PDFs

What are some of the other services provided by the Career Center?

Workshops

Alumni Networking Opportunities

Licensure Information

Writing Assistance

Mock Interviews

Thank You!

We look forward to supporting you as students and future alumni.

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Session Wrap Up

Any questions??

Where can I find up-to-date info. for incoming students?

Admitted Student Resources Webpage:

<http://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/admitted-students>

Prospective and Incoming Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/UMSSWProspective>

Contact the Office of Student Services:

734-936-0961 or ssw.oss@umich.edu



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We hope all prospective MSW students are able to visit our School of Social Work and beautiful Ann Arbor.

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Thank you for your interest in the University of Michigan School of Social Work. SSW represents a remarkable collective of researchers, teachers and practitioners who provide a unique educational experience for our students.

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INTERVIEW WITH LAURA LEIN

Katherine Reebe Collegiate Professor of Social Work, Dean and Professor of Social Work, School of Social Work, and Professor of Anthropology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

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